

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Jiangdong Ding  
Serial No : 10/762,029  
Filing Date : January 20, 2004  
For : A THERMOSENSITIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE MICROGEL AND A  
METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF  
Group Art Unit : 1618 Confirmation No. : 3917  
Examiner : James W. Rogers Customer No. : 27123

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued May 3, 2006 for which a response period of three months was set.

Applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including Sunday, September 3, 2006. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, September 5, 2006 without additional extension fees.

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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